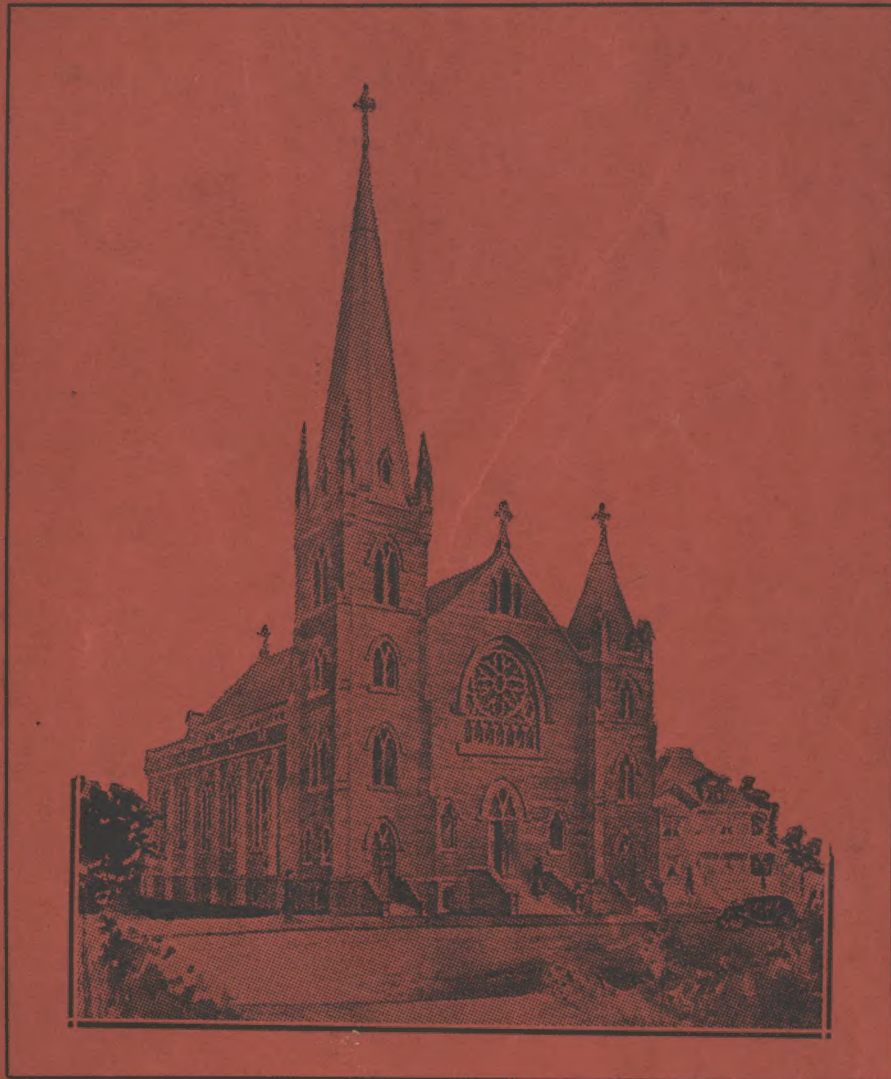


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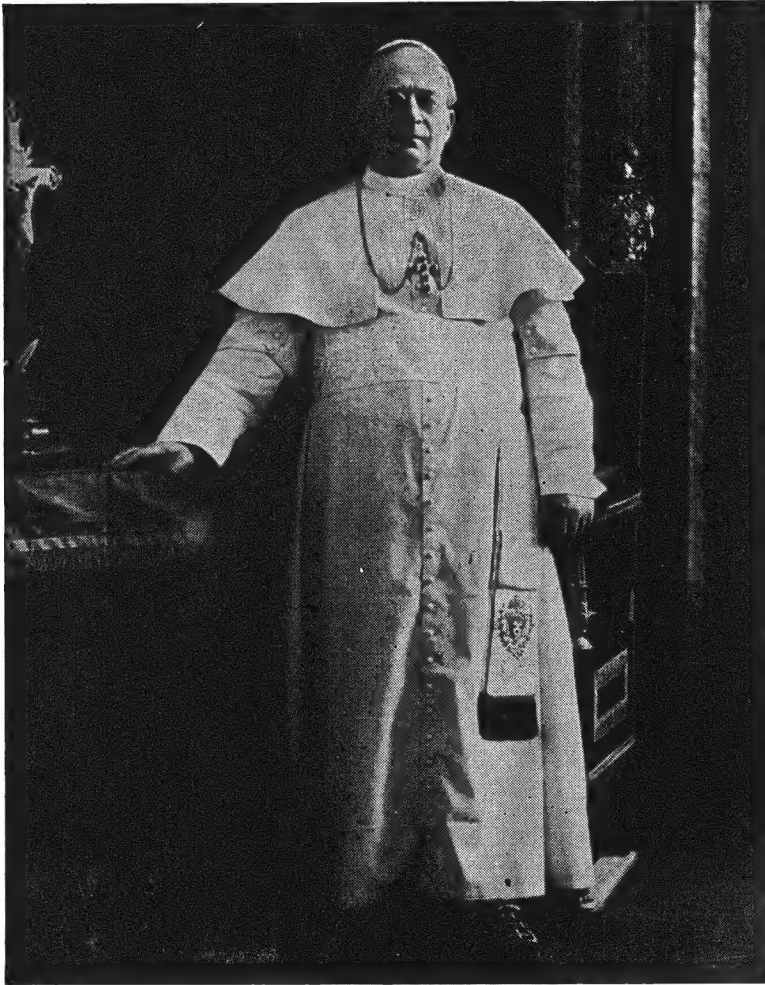
**D**URING the course of 1938, parishioners of the Sacred Heart will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of their parish and the building of their church. The cornerstone was laid on July 13th, 1913. The first Mass in the new church was celebrated at midnight on Christmas Eve of the same year.

Today, only very few of the original parishioners remain. Many have made their homes elsewhere, and many too have gone to their reward.

To the pioneers of this city and this parish, the present booklet will be a modest reminder of the "good old days." To actual parishioners, we hope it will be a source of gratification in that it attempts to record the progress of the parish during the past quarter of a century. To the clergy of the parish in particular, it will constantly call to mind the loyalty, the sacrifices and the piety of their people.

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# The Sacred Heart Parish

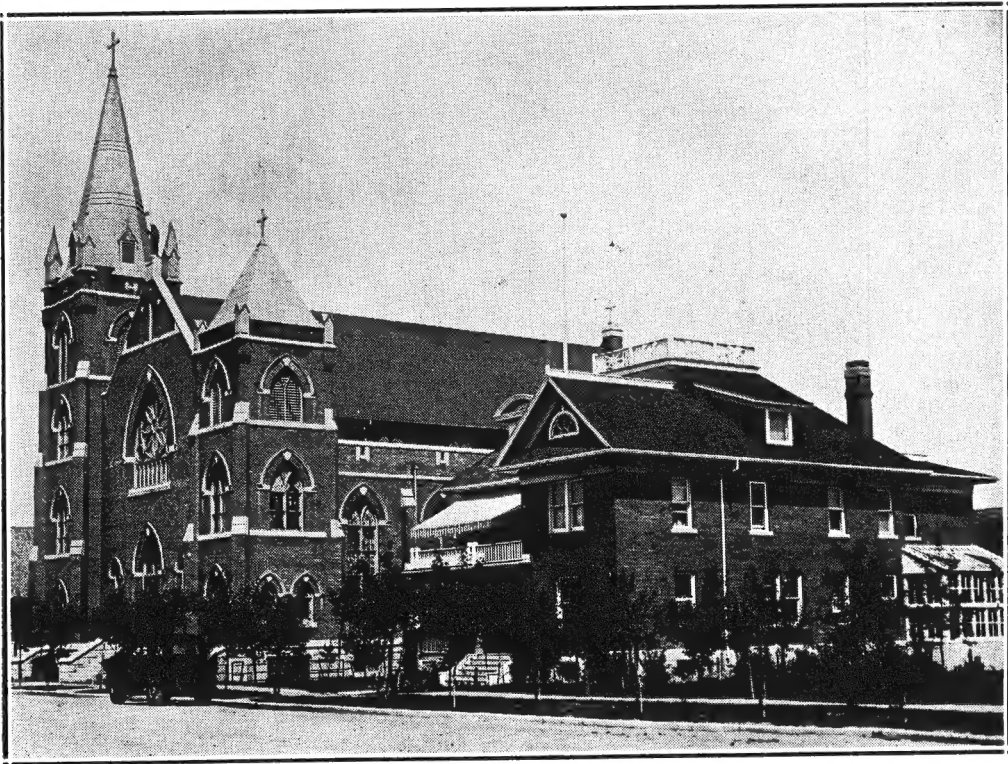
## *History*

The Sacred Heart Parish was erected by His Grace Archbishop E. Legal on December 21st, 1912. Reverend Maxime Pilon, who had been parish priest of Lamoureux, was named as the first pastor. The parish boundaries were fixed to be identical with those of the Immaculate Conception parish. The first trustees of the parish were Mr. J. J. Cashman, Mr. J. McDougall, and Mr. F. Schlapowski. Other members of the Board during the years have included Mr. James McAllister, Mr. Wm. Haley, Mr. John Hagman, Mr. Patrick O'Driscoll, Mr. Wm. Wells, Mr. O. E. Davis, Mr. Albert Forrest, Mr. Thomas Clare, Mr. Walter Young, Mr. J. W. Connelly, Mr. C. W. Sievwright, Mr. P. M. Dunne and Mr. James O'Hara.

### **The Immaculate Conception Church**

A historical sketch of the Sacred Heart Parish would be incomplete without mention of the parish of the Immaculate Conception. The Immaculate Conception parish was founded shortly after Edmonton had been chosen capital of Alberta in the year 1905. Up to that time, the only Catholic Church within the city limits was that of the Oblate Fathers — St. Joachim's—more often termed the "mission of St. Joachim." The entire north-east end of the City was without church or school. A block of land between Kinistino Avenue (96 St.), Namayo Avenue (97 St.), Picard Street (108 Ave.) and Gallagher Street (108A Ave.) was chosen as the site for a new church, a presbytery and a

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View of Sacred Heart Church  
from 108th Ave. and 96th St.





The Most Reverend John Hugh MacDonald, D.D.  
Archbishop of Edmonton



## ***Message from Archbishop MacDonald***

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Archbishop's Residence,  
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Rt. Reverend Monsignor O'Gorman, P.P.,  
Sacred Heart Parish, Edmonton.  
Rt. Rev. and Dear Monsignor:

Hearty congratulations to the clergy and people of Sacred Heart Parish on the Silver Jubilee of their parochial life. Many changes have occurred in the parish during this time; most of the pioneers have passed on; others have taken their places; and the population of the parish is greater now than at any previous time. The present celebration will bring keener joys to the surviving pioneers than to any others, because of their memory of the need there was for such a parish in the first place, and also because of their intimate knowledge of the good work done during these twenty-five years.

The parish church and hall are the centres wherein are fostered the religious and social life of the people. All Catholics recognize this in practice so far as the church and their religious life are concerned; but there are some who think the parish hall and its activities beneath them, mainly because all ranks are admitted there. Such an attitude is far from being a preparation for heaven, where good deeds alone will count, and where no notice will be taken of the rank or station to which we belong, except in so far as they carry additional obligations of service to God and men.

The church is the place of public worship in every parish, the place where the Holy Sacrifice of Calvary is renewed every day; and here I may be pardoned for quoting the following lengthy passage from Bishop Hedley, as it expresses the very message I would convey better than any words of mine could do: "Let us reflect that Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the centre of all power and spiritual influence in the Christian dispensation. Not only therefore, is it natural to Him in this mystery to satisfy those who approach Him, but He ought if all were as it should be, to draw to Him all the sinners, unbelievers and heretics of the world, and to convert them.

"Yes how often does He remain in a place for years, for generations, without any signs of such a triumph! How often does a church remain with its doors open and its services faithfully carried out for half a century, and all the time there is hardly a conversion! Why is this?

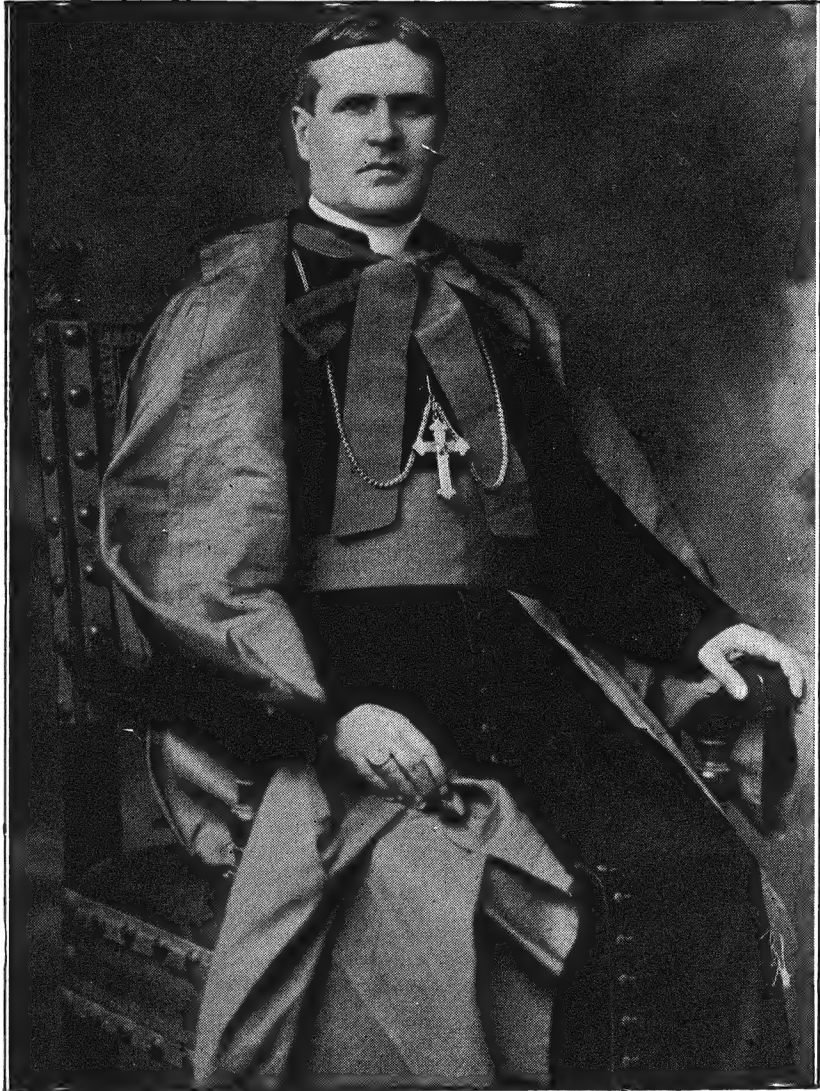
"The reason is that Jesus in this world is in the hands of His servants. As a rule He will not act and work except in so far as the devotion and sacrifice of pastors and people carry Him. As long as He is suffered to remain a mere Presence, shut up, scantily and formally honored, perhaps neglected, He is in the world as if He were not in it. . . But let His people remember Him, make much of Him, frequent His presence, make use of His great unbloody daily sacrifice, and crowd to the table of His communion, then He puts forth His right hand, and souls are gathered to the harvest. It is where the Blessed Sacrament is devoutly honored by priest and people that conversions are made."

With best wishes for the success of your celebration, and praying that God may bless you all, I remain,

Sincerely in the Lord,

† J. H. MacDONALD,  
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The Most Reverend Henry Joseph O'Leary,  
Late Archbishop of Edmonton.

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Pastor of Morinville  
First Pastor of Sacred Heart



# The Sacred Heart Parish

## History

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school. The construction of the church was placed under the direction of Rev. Fr. Hétu, O.M.I. It was blessed by Bishop Legal on December 8, 1906, and dedicated to the Immaculate Conception.

In the first years, the new parish was more than bi-lingual, it was multi-lingual. In 1908 it was serving two hundred families of many nationalities. Missions and retreats were preached in four languages—English, French, German and Polish. Many Ukrainian families had also settled in the district, and a separate parish was founded for them in the year 1910. Other parishes erected during these years were St. Edmund's (Calder), St. Francis of Assisi (North Edmonton) and Our Lady of the Rosary (Polish). The Immaculate Conception Parish during its first twenty-five years has had nine pastors: Rev. Fr. Hétu, O.M.I., Rev. Fr. Lemarchand, O.M.I., Rev. Fr. Rocque, Rev. Fr. Ouellette, Rev. Fr. Ethier, Rev. Fr. Normandeau, Rev. Fr. Lepage, Rev. Fr. Bernier and the present parish priest, Rev. Fr. Ketchen.

### Sacred Heart Parish

By the year 1911, the tide of immigration had so increased, that the question of a further division of the parish came up for discussion. The need for a separate parish for the English-speaking people was clearly seen. A separate Board of trustees was elected, and plans were laid for the foundation of an "Irish" parish to be called the Sacred Heart.

During the first two years of its existence, the parish was served by the Immaculate Conception Church. With the rapid growth of the Catholic population it soon became evident that the building of the new church would have to be undertaken without delay. The block opposite the Immaculate Conception Church on Kinistino Avenue was chosen as the site. Tenders for the church and rectory were called for early in April, 1913. Excavation was begun shortly after this date, and the erection of the parish buildings soon was under way. The members of the

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building committee were Mr. P. C. Ratigan, Mr. P. O'Driscoll, Mr. C. O. Davis and Mr. W. Haley. The personnel of the finance committee included Mr. Joseph O'Neill, Mr. W. Hagman, Mr. W. Connelly, and Mr. T. Ducey. Mr. Angus McCormick was appointed Superintendent of Construction. Turner and Co. were accepted as Contractors for the Church and James Warren for the Rectory.

The work of the parish buildings advanced rapidly, and on July 13, 1913, the cornerstone was laid and blessed by Archbishop Stagni, Apostolic Delegate to Canada, who was visiting the Canadian West at that time. His Excellency was accompanied by Archbishop Legal and the pastor, Rev. M. Pilon. Others present at the ceremony included Rev. Fr. Leduc, Rev. Fr. Lemarchand, Rev. Fr. Ouellette, Rev. Fr. Hudon, S.J., Rev. Fr. Hétu, Rev. Fr. Rioux, and Rev. Fr. Boutin. The church was opened for Divine Worship on Christmas Day, 1913. The first Mass was celebrated by Rev. M. Pilon, pastor of the parish.

#### Early Years

The Edmonton of 1913 and the Edmonton of 1938 present totally different pictures. It is probable that there were as many people here then as now, because there was a large floating population. For several years, settlers had been coming into the new province from Eastern Canada, from the United States and from Europe. Many stopped in the city for a time before pushing on to the vast farm areas that stretched out in every direction. The City of Edmonton itself was just emerging from a state that might be described as a "glorified farm." Pictures taken only a few years previous to the building of the Sacred Heart Church show the district in the north-east end of the city to be a flourishing farming centre, with here and there patches of prairie woodland. Today that section of the city rejoices in the proud name of "Norwood" and is one of the most thickly populated areas of modern Edmonton. Those were the days when 96 Street was Kinistino Avenue, 97 Street was Namayo Avenue, 101A Avenue was Rice Street. Jasper Avenue (save the mark!) is still Jasper, but it no longer qualifies as Edmonton's Grand Canal!

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1913 and the first half of 1914 were the apex of several years of mushroom growth. High hopes and grandiose plans were the order of the day. The "reserve" would rival the "étoile" of Paris, and at St. Albert would be built the City Hall; but alas for the plans of "mice and men"! The Great War was looming on the horizon, and soon the thousands of young men who had come west to seek fame and fortune were crowding the trains for the East and on to Europe for four years of war.

The war years were very trying ones for both individuals and institutions, and the young parish of the Sacred Heart was no exception. Saddled with a heavy debt, financial progress was difficult, but under the zealous leadership of Father Pilon, the parish managed to keep its head above water until better times obtained following the Armistice of 1918.

**Archbishop O'Leary**

The arrival of Archbishop O'Leary in 1920 to take over his duties as Chief Pastor of the Archdiocese was the signal for great activity. The Archbishop saw clearly that the great need for the welfare of the faithful was an increase in the number of priests. With this object in mind His Grace made a recruiting tour of the East in 1921. The Eastern Bishops lent a sympathetic ear to his pleas and before the end of the year many young priests had found their way across the country to take up new duties in Edmonton, on the prairie and in the scattered parishes in the foothills of the Rockies. Among the various changes that were made, Rev. M. Pilon was transferred to Morinville and Rev. M. J. O'Gorman was appointed pastor of the Sacred Heart. This was on December 2nd, 1921.

It is not our present purpose to give a detailed account of parish activities during the past twenty-five years. We wish merely to chronicle some of the more outstanding events of parish history which will serve as landmarks for the recalling of the many other incidents attendant on parish life.

The first work undertaken in 1921 was that of the visitation of the parish. This was begun on December 5th and completed early in 1922. The parish was found to consist of three hundred and eight families.



## 1922

January 6th, 1922, saw the opening and blessing of St. Theresa's school in connection with the Monastery of the Good Shepherd. At this time there were four schools in the parish, the others being Sacred Heart, Fairview and Riverdale.

In August, seven Sisters of St. Joseph from London, Ontario, arrived to take over St. Anne's Convent (now Sacred Heart Convent) which had been relinquished by the Faithful Companions of Jesus. The building had been partially furnished by willing and helpful parishioners, and the Sisters were made welcome by the pastor and members of the various parish societies. In September, the Sisters of St. Joseph took charge of the Sacred Heart School, with Mother Leo as principal.

## 1923

On April 15th His Grace, Archbishop O'Leary administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to ninety-six children and ten adults.

## 1924

Fathers Cloran and O'Sullivan of the Redemptorist Order arrived in April to found the new parish of St. Alphonsus. They, as well as Fr. O'Hara were guests at the Rectory for several months. With the erection of this new parish, the eastern boundary of the Sacred Heart parish was brought back to 90th Street.

## 1925

October 18th, 19th and 20th, a Triduum was held in honor of St. John Eudes, founder of the Community of Our Lady of Charity of the Refuge. On Sunday, the High Mass was celebrated by Msgr. Pilon of Morinville, and the sermon was preached by Rev. Fr. Patton, O.M.I. On Monday there was a special Mass at the Good Shepherd Monastery, and on Tuesday Archbishop O'Leary gave Pontifical Benediction in the Sacred Heart Church. The sermon on this latter occasion was delivered by Rev. Dr. J. C. McGuigan.

## 1926

The Ladies' Aid undertook in July to operate a dining room at the exhibition. The work was extremely heavy,  
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## *Message from the Late Archbishop O'Leary*

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In the early part of 1938, when it had been decided to issue this Souvenir Booklet, a request was made of Archbishop O'Leary at Victoria, B.C., to write a message of congratulation to the parish on the occasion of the Jubilee. The following letter, one of the last he wrote, was penned just ten days before his death.

St Joseph's Hospital,  
Victoria, B.C.  
February 23rd, 1938.

Dear Monsignor O'Gorman:

I received your letter, and thank you for your kind words. You may certainly use my old photo if it is of any service. I am sending you a few words of congratulation, as follows.

"From my heart I congratulate the Sacred Heart Parish on the occasion of its Silver Jubilee. Founded by my Venerable predecessor Archbishop Legal, it has done a great work for souls in East Edmonton. It has grown from small beginnings, and is now one of the largest and most important parishes in Western Canada. Under its two pastors it has always been noted for the piety and fidelity of its people, and the good people have every reason to offer up their thanksgivings to God in the form chosen by the pastor. With all my heart I bless your Jubilee and wish the Parish every grace and benediction."

(Signed) † HENRY J. O'LEARY

With every best wish to you and all the priests and sisters.

I remain

Yours faithfully in J.C.

† HENRY J. O'LEARY.

## Parish Boy Ordained



The Reverend Wilfrid Emmett Doyle was born in Calgary, Alberta, on February 18th, 1913. He is the second son of John J. Doyle, and Mary (O'Neill) Doyle. Father Doyle received most of his primary education in Sacred Heart School, Edmonton. After completion of his academic studies in St. Joseph's Separate High, he took a three years' Arts course in the University of Alberta, graduating with the B.A. degree in 1935. He studied theology in St. Joseph's Seminary, Edmonton, and was ordained to the priesthood on Pentecost Sunday, June 5th, 1938.

Although his parents removed their home to Vancouver a few years ago, the newly-ordained priest has always considered himself, and has always been looked upon as a member of the Sacred Heart Parish. Thus, Father Doyle becomes the first boy of the parish to be ordained a priest.

The young priest will say his first Mass in Sacred Heart Church on Monday, June 6th, on which occasion a presentation will be made to him on behalf of the parishioners.

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Interior view of Sacred Heart Church  
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# The Sacred Heart Parish

## History

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but it was most gratifying to find at the end of the week that the organization had netted over a thousand dollars.

### 1927

A most inspiring Triduum in honor of the Sacred Heart was conducted by Rev. Fr. Hingston, S.J., in preparation for the patronal Feast in June.

### 1928

Father John Knox, S.J., opened the annual mission on March 18.

On Sunday, June 24th, parishioners were privileged to witness an ordination in their own church. On that date Rev. Canice Foran, of St. Patrick's Parish, Ottawa, was raised to the priesthood by His Grace Archbishop O'Leary. After Mass, the young priest gave his blessing to the congregation.

In the month of July, the Sacred Heart Church was given a much needed interior decoration. Although the cost of this work was considerable, it was agreed by all that the result was most pleasing and gratifying.

During the Fall months, a Casavant pipe organ, which had been contracted for the previous year, was installed by Mr. Gédéon Pepin. The over-all cost of the organ and its installation was in the neighborhood of eight thousand dollars. On November 18th, the organ was formally blessed by the Right Rev. J. C. McGuigan, V.G. An appropriate sermon for the occasion was preached by Rev. M. O'Neill, director of Sacred music in the local seminary.

### 1929

On September 8th, the new convent of the Franciscan Sisters of the Atone-ment on 106A Avenue was blessed by His Grace Archbishop O'Leary.

### 1930

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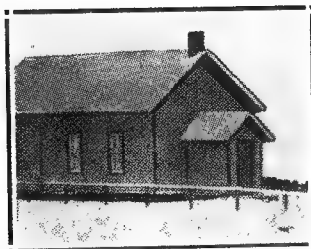
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View of Sacred Heart School, 1938



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#### 1931

September 20th, 21st, and 22nd was held the first Diocesan Eucharistic Congress. Midnight Mass was celebrated in Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday, September 22nd.

#### 1932

Monsignor O'Gorman left for Renfrew, Ontario, to attend the funeral of his mother who died on December 16th.

#### 1933

On December 10th, Mother Aloysius, Superior of the Good Shepherd Monastery, celebrated the Golden Jubilee of her Profession.

#### 1934

A Chapel-of-ease was opened in Fairview school on December 2nd much to the satisfaction of all concerned. His Grace the Archbishop decided that it would be dedicated to St. Patrick.

During the winter months the children's Sunday Mass was broadcast over CFRN.

#### 1935

Visits for the Holy Year extension was organized on April 21st. Busses were chartered to transport parishioners to and from the various churches. The closing exercises for the Holy Year were held on April 28th.

#### 1936

February 23rd, opening of two weeks' mission conducted by Rev. Fr. Moriarty, O.M.I., and Rev. Fr. Monahan, O.M.I., of Vancouver, B.C.

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Triduum for Feast of Sacred Heart preached by Rev. Fr. Hyacinth, O.F.M.

December 15th, Legion of Mary organization meeting held in the Rectory. Miss Mary Duffy of Dublin, Ireland, presided.

#### 1937

November 27th, First Annual Reunion of the Legion of Mary was held in Sacred Heart Church. The sermon was preached by His Excellency Archbishop MacDonald.

#### 1938

February 21st, an organization meeting of parishioners was held in the parish hall to discuss plans for the celebration of the forthcoming Silver Jubilee of the parish. It was decided to issue a Souvenir booklet containing a short history of the parish and other items of interest. Plans were discussed for a banquet to be held in Sacred Heart Hall sometime in the month of June. A committee was nominated to assist the pastor in the various activities in connection with the Jubilee Celebration. The following were appointed members of the committee: Mrs. E. Vase, Mrs. R. Vint, Miss N. Colbert, Mr. M. McDermott, Mr. Jas. O'Hara, Mr. T. Dolphin; honorary members, Mrs. J. Dea and Mr. W. Haley.

A Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated in the Sacred Heart Church on Pentecost Sunday, June 5th, 1938. This Mass was celebrated by the Right Reverend M. Pilon, first Pastor of the parish. The Most Reverend John Hugh MacDonald, Archbishop of Edmonton, assisted from the Throne. Besides the Parish Clergy many other priests were present for the occasion. The sermon was preached by Archbishop MacDonald.

The latest survey of Sacred Heart Parish (1937) showed approximately four hundred families living within its confines. Many different nationalities are represented but of course the English-speaking element greatly preponderates. The parish extends from the Saskatchewan River to the city limits on the North. Two Chapels serve the families at the Northern and Southern extremities. Rev. C. J. Foran, D.D., has charge of St. Patrick's Chapel and Rev. M. Murphy of St. Anne's. Both of these Chapels are located in Separate

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School buildings. Arrangements have been made to renovate the Riverdale School in order to provide better accommodation for the congregation attending the Chapel.

At the present time the staff of Sacred Heart Church consists of Right Reverend M. J. O'Gorman (Pastor), Reverend C. J. Foran, D.D. (Assistant), Reverend F. W. Daly (Principal, Boys' High School), and Reverend M. E. Murphy (Teacher, Boys' High School). Since 1921, the following priests have been assistants at the Sacred Heart: Reverend A. McIntyre (Rivière Qui Barre); Reverend F. Rockwood (deceased); Reverend L. Lambrick (Los Angeles, California); Very Reverend J. O'Sullivan (Vermilion); Reverend M. McCarthy (Killam); Reverend J. Fay (St. Charles, Mearns); Reverend D. Murphy (Vegreville); Reverend J. McNeill (Coronation); Reverend T. Ryan (St. Andrew's, Edmonton); Reverend T. Wall (Jasper); Reverend F. Campbell (St. Catharine's, Ontario); Reverend A. McGowan (Athabasca); Reverend J. Morrison (Sydney, Nova Scotia); Reverend A. Prendergast (Hanna); Reverend D. Martin (Heisler); Reverend F. Becker (S. Rosenheim); Reverend S. Stewart (Innisfail); Reverend J. Ashe (Mountain Park).

From January 1st, 1914, to the present date (March, 1938) 1771 Baptisms; 1150 Confirmations; 486 Marriages and 316 funerals, have been recorded in the Parish Books. During the past sixteen years eighty-six adult converts have been received into the Church.

## Parish Societies

### The Ladies' Aid

The Sacred Heart Ladies' Aid was organized in January, 1922. Its purpose, primarily, is to take charge of social affairs with the object of raising extra funds. The Society has justified its existence in a striking way. During the past sixteen years, the Ladies' Aid has placed over thirty-five thousand dollars at the disposal of the parish. This money has been used for lowering the debt, paying interest charges and in making repairs to the parish build-

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ings. Much good work has been done also in organizing "drives" and social events for the benefit of religious Communities and for the poor.

The moving spirit in these various activities has been Mrs. E. Vase, who has retained the office of President ever since the beginning. Added to an extraordinary zeal for the welfare of the Parish, she has proven herself a manager of exceptional ability. It is safe to say that under the leadership of Mrs. Vase, the Sacred Heart Ladies' Aid has achieved a most outstanding record.

However, one must not forget the other officers of the Society who have given such effective and faithful service throughout the years; nor the rank and file of the members without the cooperation and goodwill of whom the great undertakings of the Ladies' Aid would have been doomed to failure.

Perhaps the most arduous work conducted by the Society was the Exhibition dining room, which was carried on for several years. Each year a new building had to be erected and furnishings secured. Each year it was a "toss up" whether the elements would be favorable or not. The quantity of food to be ordered was always a problem, because of the many uncertainties connected with the undertaking. However, in spite of everything, the Society "made good" every year and as a consequence thousands of dollars were added to the treasury.

This year, the outstanding affair to be conducted by the Ladies' Aid will be the banquet in connection with our Jubilee Celebration on June 5th. Preparations are being made to serve at least five hundred persons on this occasion.

The officers of the Ladies' Aid for 1938, are the following: President: Mrs. E. Vase; Vice-President: Mrs. A. McGarrity; Treasurer: Mrs. J. McAllister; Secretary: Mrs. J. Bergevin.

#### **League of the Sacred Heart**

The League of the Sacred Heart was instituted shortly after the formation of the parish. It has always had a special place in Parish affairs, and has been instrumental in keeping alive a true devotion to the Patron of the Parish. A meeting of the Promoters is held every month, when reports are

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received and the Messengers of the Sacred Heart distributed. Following upon a retreat given by Reverend John Knox, S.J., some years ago, an effort was made to consecrate each family individually to the Sacred Heart. This work was done by the Parish Clergy on the occasion of the parish visitation, and practically every family was so consecrated. It is very desirable that the Messenger of the Sacred Heart be taken by every family. The "Messenger" is one of the finest periodicals in Canada. It contains much useful information, in addition to delightful and scholarly reading matter on Devotion to the Sacred Heart.

The officers of the League at the present time are: President: Mrs. F. J. McCann; Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. M. McHale; Promoters, including the officers are: Mrs. J. McDonald; Mrs. W. Purcell; Mrs. W. H. Kelly; Mrs. V. Payne; Mrs. B. Doyle; Mrs. A. Dea; Mrs. T. Dolphin; Mrs. L. Driscoll; Mrs. H. Perrier; Mrs. T. Graham; Mrs. P. O'Connor; Mrs. G. Street and Miss C. Thorpe.

## The Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary was established in Sacred Heart Parish in December, 1936. A meeting held in the Rectory was addressed by Miss Mary Duffy of Dublin, Ireland. On that occasion a parish praesidium was organized under the title of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

The purpose of the Legion of Mary is to assist the pastor in the spiritual works of the parish, and particularly in the task of reclaiming negligent or fallen-away Catholics. The Legion work therefore becomes an Apostolate of prime importance and is a distinct contribution to Catholic Action.

The Praesidium of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart has been very active since its foundation. In addition to much routine work as visiting the sick, it has been instrumental in inducing parents to send their children to the Catholic School, in organizing Catechism Classes, and bringing negligent persons to the Sacraments. The usefulness of the Legion was especially apparent during this year's mission when, through its efforts, many persons returned to the practice of their Faith. The officers of the Legion are: Pres-

ident: Miss Grace Brunton; Vice-President: Mrs. H. Colville; Treasurer: Mrs. P. O'Connor; Secretary: Miss Marie Ryan.

#### **The Holy Name Society**

Shortly after the Mission this year, a re-organization meeting of the Holy Name Society was held in the Parish Hall. Under the chairmanship of Reverend C. J. Foran (Spiritual Director) the following officers were elected: President: Mr. Jas. Burris; Vice-President: Mr. L. Cunningham; Secretary-Treasurer: Mr. Jas. O'Hara; Consultants: Mr. J. A. McDonald, Mr. T. McLean, Mr. E. Anderson, and Mr. E. Vase. Marshalls: Mr. S. McCauley and Mr. T. Devaney. The Society meets once a month and receives Communion in a body on the second Sunday of each month.

#### **Sodality of the Children of Mary**

Including all the young women of the parish, the Children of Mary crystallize a spirit that should pervade every parish—devotion to the Mother of God. There are many favors and privileges conferred on members of the Sodality. The fruits of piety engendered in the souls of true Children of Mary are apparent to all, and it is much to be desired that every young woman of the parish become an active member. The Sodality receives Communion in a body every third Sunday of the month. This year's officers are: Prefect: Miss Veronica Street; Secretary-Treasurer: Miss Margaret Ryan; Sacristans: Miss M. Runck, Miss B. O'Connor, Miss E. Sieman, and Miss A. Curtin.

#### **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was organized early in 1922. A collection is taken up for their work once a month. During the years, the Society has given good service in a modest way by helping families and individuals who found themselves in financial difficulties. The officers are: President: Mr. W. Haley; Vice-President: Mr. E. Vase; Secretary-Treasurer: Mr. P. O'Connor.

#### **Church Officials**

A special word of thanks and commendation is due to Mr. Emil Vase who for the past twenty-five years has been a factotum in and about the church. For years he acted as chief

usher, and still has charge of the Sunday collections. For the past number of years, Mr. H. P. Stower and an efficient body of ushers attend to the seating accommodation.

#### **Sacred Heart Senior Choir**

Like most Church choirs, that of the Sacred Heart has passed through many phases during the past twenty-five years. The opportunity is taken here to pay tribute to all the members of the choir both past and present for their devoted service to the parish. At the present time, under the capable leadership of Mr. T. McLean, the choir is on a solid foundation and the splendid rendering of many difficult Masses shows serious practise and a deep interest in this important feature of parish life. The personnel of the choir at present comprises the following: Director: Mr. T. McLean; Organist: Miss Marie Ryan; Mrs. R. Vint, Mrs. E. Stadler, the Misses B. Dea, M. Bailey, M. Parker, I. Marchbank, H. Bailey, V. Street, M. Runck; Messrs. T. Anderson, W. Lynch, J. Bailey, D. Anderson, A. McMillan.

#### **Young Hearts**

The Young People's Club of Sacred Heart Parish functions under the name of the Young Hearts. Organized on December 6th, 1937, the Club holds its meetings each Monday evening in the McAuley Community Hall. Membership has been restricted to practical Catholic boys and girls who have left High School.

Officers for the year 1937-1938 are: President: John McDonald; Vice-President: Frank Curtis; Treasurer: Bertha Ropert; Secretary: Anna McHale. A number of the younger married couples in the parish have given very generously of their time in acting as chaperons for the weekly meetings and social events. In this regard we owe a special word of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kehoe; Mr. and Mrs. Art Fairburn; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ryan and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Dittrich.

The Club's activities have been varied. The business meeting each evening has been followed by a literary programme. Several important problems have been debated with a professional finish. A mock trial was executed with proper decorum. In addition there have been several lectures

and one lantern presentation. Each meeting finishes with a social gathering and refreshments.

A Club paper, "Heartaches" by name, keeps close tab on the doings of individual members and brings forth some stirring editorials. In the Athletic field, the Young Hearts' Basketball team brought home the bacon in the Catholic Basketball League. Now the Club is looking forward to new conquests in the Catholic Softball League recently formed.

The enthusiasm and generous co-operation of the members have made possible whatever success the Club has enjoyed.

The Young Hearts are under the direction of Reverend C. J. Foran, D.D.

### ST. PATRICK'S CHAPEL

In December, 1934, a Chapel of ease to serve residents in the North end of the Parish was opened in Fairview school at 12050 95A St. At the suggestion of the late Archbishop O'Leary, the Chapel was dedicated to St. Patrick. There is one Mass in the Chapel on Sunday morning at 9.00 o'clock and on holydays at 8.00 o'clock. We owe a word of thanks to the Separate School Board for their kindness in permitting the use of the school for the Chapel service.

When the Chapel was opened in 1934 there were twenty-five pupils in the school. At the beginning of the current year there were sixty-five pupils and two teachers, Sister Mary Clare of St. Joseph's Convent and Sister Marcella of St. Josephat's. The splendid work of the Sisters has simplified the work of the priests to a marked degree. Catechism classes for the children attending the public schools are held each Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

Early in 1936 a Ladies' Auxiliary was formed to look after the temporalities of the Chapel. Mrs. H. Colville was elected president and Mrs. T. M. Dolphin, secretary-treasurer. The same two officers have been returned by acclamation each year since. In conjunction with the other ladies attending the Chapel they have worked untiringly to ensure the success of the Auxiliary's various efforts. By sponsoring teas, bridges, and latterly bingos which have unfortunately come

to an end, the ladies have succeeded in fulfilling the Chapel's various needs.

### ST. ANNE'S MISSION

Situated on the corner of 89th Street and 101A Avenue, near the Dawson Bridge is the Chapel of St. Anne. The building had been used as a Separate School until closed in 1926. For a time Mass was celebrated only at periods when priests could be supplied and the mission struggled along uncertainly.

The arrival of the Atonement Sisters, in 1929, who undertook Catechetical and intensive work among the families was a great boon to the mission. A year later a beautiful statue of St. Anne was donated by some good citizens of the city. In 1932 the Redemptorist Fathers of St. Anne de Beaupré sent a relic of the good saint to the mission with the wish that good St. Anne would extend her powerful arm to the little congregation and the people of Edmonton.

Much credit is due to the Separate School Board who have made this mission possible in opening the school and providing the building for the use of the congregation.

Today St. Anne's is well established with an active young people's organization and a goodly number of members in the congregation, all with a very special devotion to their patron, St. Anne.

### SACRED HEART SCHOOL

In 1907 it was decided to have a school in what is now the Sacred Heart Parish. That year there was a new building being erected on Third Street, so the frame building on that side was moved down to the present locality of the Sacred Heart School.

The first teacher was Mother Teresa (Sister Julia Coghlan) of the F.C.J. Order. Mother Teresa had previously taught in the first Separate School on 110th Street and later was the first teacher in the 103rd Street School. She was assisted at Sacred Heart in this first school by Mother Josephine who taught the French classes.

The enrollment was 35.

In 1908 a brick school of only four rooms was constructed; there averaged around two hundred pupils, so in 1911 a four-room addition was added

with an attendance of three hundred children.

As the parish was growing rapidly another addition had to be built in 1913. This last completed a twelve-room structure.

In 1919 extra playgrounds had to be secured for the boys and girls, these at first had to be rented and later on the school Board bought the property.

In 1921 there were twelve teachers employed, the children averaging around five hundred.

In 1922 the Sisters of St. Joseph took charge of the school.

Two Sacred Heart pupils have won the Governor-General's medal for the highest aggregate in Grade 8, Final Departmental Examinations. They are Marie Cacheux and Kathleen Farmer.

The school children are very much interested in the Association of the Holy Childhood. Each year they donate a considerable sum toward this important work.

At the present time there are sixteen teachers and 550 pupils in Sacred Heart School.

The Sacred Heart School always has been to the fore in athletics as the array of trophies won amply testifies.

#### PARISH COMMUNITIES

##### **The Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Refuge (Good Shepherd):**

The Good Shepherd Sisters were established at Caen, France, in 1641, by St. John Eudes. Their object is threefold, the conversion and instruction of women and girls, the care and education of orphans and neglected children, and the care of penitent girls. The Order is cloistered and the Sisters follow the rule of St. Augustine. Besides the three ordinary vows they take a fourth, namely to labor for the salvation of erring souls. They wear a white habit, except for the Tourière Sisters who are not cloistered and who dress in black.

The local foundation of the Good Shepherd Sisters was made from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1912, at the request of Archbishop Legal. The first convent was at the corner of 97th Avenue and 111th Street. Of the five Sisters who made the original founda-

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tion, two are still working in Edmonton, Reverend Mother Aloysius, as Superior of the Monastery on 96th Street and Reverend Mother Annunciation as Superior of the O'Connell Institute.

In 1919 they found their Convent too small for the increasing demand made upon it and consequently they purchased the property at 11409 96th Street, which they are still using. By 1928 the number of their charges had so increased that it was impossible to find accommodation for all. To relieve this situation they acquired the property now known as the O'Connell Institute at Forest Heights. This latter institution shelters between eighty and ninety orphan girls. Besides their ordinary schooling these children are given a thorough course in Christian Doctrine and are instructed in Serving and Domestic Science. At 96th Street, over fifty young women are cared for in this institution.

#### **The Sisters of St. Joseph of London:**

The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph was established at Le Puy, France, in the middle of the seventeenth century. The first American foundation was made at Carondelet, Mo., in 1789, and the first Canadian house was opened in Toronto in 1851. It was from Toronto that the London, Ontario, Community was founded, and from London the Sisters of St. Joseph came to the Archdiocese of Edmonton. Since their arrival here God has blessed their work in a remarkable way. In 1922 seven Sisters came from London to Edmonton and of this number five later returned to the East, yet today there are forty Sisters of this Order in the Archdiocese, thirty of whom made their novitiate in Edmonton.

On their arrival in Edmonton the Sisters of St. Joseph purchased the Sacred Heart Convent from the Sisters of the Faithful Companions of Jesus and immediately opened a novitiate and boarding school. The Sisters of St. Joseph have charge of Sacred Heart and Fairview Schools.

In 1930 the Sisters of St. Joseph took charge of the Separate School at Wetaskiwin.

The Sisters of St. Joseph made three new foundations in 1931. In that year they established St. Joseph's Convent

in North Edmonton where four Sisters have charge of St. Francis' School.

The Sisters took charge of St. Paul Hospital, Rimbey, in 1932. Another foundation had been made at St. Bride's, Alberta.

Hospitals at Galahad and Killam were established in the same year. The Galahad Hospital, a modern brick structure built at a cost of \$40,000.00, contains twenty hospital beds. Mother Mary of the Divine Heart is Mother General of the Community of St. Joseph in Edmonton Archdiocese.

#### **Sisters of Atonement:**

The Sisters of the Atonement of the Third Order Regular have their Mother House at Greymoor, New York. By an indult from the Minister General of the Franciscan Order, the Sisters of the Atonement have been affiliated with the other branches of the Order of St. Francis. Founded in 1898 by Father John Paul Francis to "Further the reunion of all Christians and to undertake the work of a missionary character, especially the teaching of Catechism and Christian Doctrine among the poor and in the Foreign Mission Field," the Society has enjoyed a remarkable expansion. It is now represented in Baltimore, New York, Philadelphia, Albany, Amarillo, Galveston, Fresno, Ogdensburg, and Pittsburg in the United States; in Vancouver and Edmonton, in Canada; and in Assisi, Italy, and Kilmore, Ireland.

The foundation at Smoky Lake, Alberta, was established twelve years ago when there was not even a Catholic Church in that district. Today there are six Sisters at Smoky Lake, under the direction of Sister Mary Angela. It is the Catechetical centre for a large Ukranian and Polish population.

The Hostel of the Sisters of the Atonement at 9618 106A Avenue, Edmonton, is principally for foreign girls. Sister Mary Agnes is Superior of the Community of four Sisters. The Edmonton house is also a Catechetical centre and the Sisters have done invaluable work instructing the children of Beverly, Fraser Flats and other districts where there is no resident priest.

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